October 28, 1970

Mr. Kenneth Horseman, Station Manager
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Dear Mr. Horseman:

Some time during the second semester of last year we first learned of WMUA's intention of installing a transmitter and antenna in Dickinson House. At that time the Dickinson House Council gave you permission to proceed with the installation the following summer.

When we returned to the University this fall, the transmitter facility had not yet been installed, and the residents of the seventh floor of Dickinson voted at a floor-wide meeting not to approve the aforementioned construction. Subsequently, the Dickinson House Council officially endorsed the decision of the seventh floor residents and word was to have been officially relayed to WMUA regarding this. Due to a misunderstanding, this did not occur.

Several weeks later, you arrived at Dickinson House for an answer, but instead, due again to a misunderstanding, a cursory consensus of opinion was observed and interpreted to mean approval for construction. This was resolved the following day, and a telephone call was made by myself as President of Dickinson House to inform you of our official decision.

Today, October 28, a Physical Plant employee was found making preparation for the non-approved construction.

We again assert the official vote as being representative of Dickinson House and the seventh floor. More specifically, Dickinson House does not sanction the installation of WMUA's transmitter in the seventh floor ironing room of Dickinson.

We now ask--Does WMUA intend to install its transmitter regardless of Dickinson's decision, and if so, are they doing this under the authority of so-called "eminent domain"?

Very truly yours,

Jerome R. Lavigne

Jerome R. Lavigne, President
Emily Dickinson House

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cc: William F. Field, Dean of Students
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